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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title Page,

Item [56], **References Cited**, OTHER PUBLICATIONS,

"Chance, J.J.," reference, delete "Phosphates" and substitute -- Phosphatase -- in its place.

Item [57], **ABSTRACT**,

Lines 5, 6, and 9 delete "haemoglobin" and substitute -- hemoglobin -- in its place (all occurrences).

Column 6,

Line 8, delete "recombinantly produced" and substitute -- recombinantly-produced -- in its place.

Lines 18 to 27, delete and substitute the following in its place.

-- A method of determining a level of alkaline phosphatase in a sample, the method comprising:

determining a first optical measurement of said sample at  $450 \pm 10$  nm that represents a correlation between the amount of hemoglobin in the sample

and the interference due to the hemoglobin; and

adding 4-nitrophenyl phosphate to said sample;

determining a second optical measurement of said sample at

$450 \pm 10$  nm;

correcting the second optical measurement with the first optical measurement. --

Line 34, after claim 15, insert the following.

-- 16. The method of claim 12, wherein the hemoglobin comprises natural, synthetic, or recombinantly-produced hemoglobin. --

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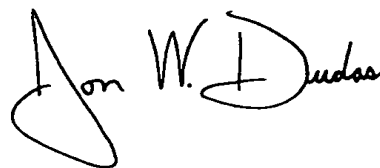
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Column 6 (cont'd).  
Renumber claim 16 as claim 17.

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